

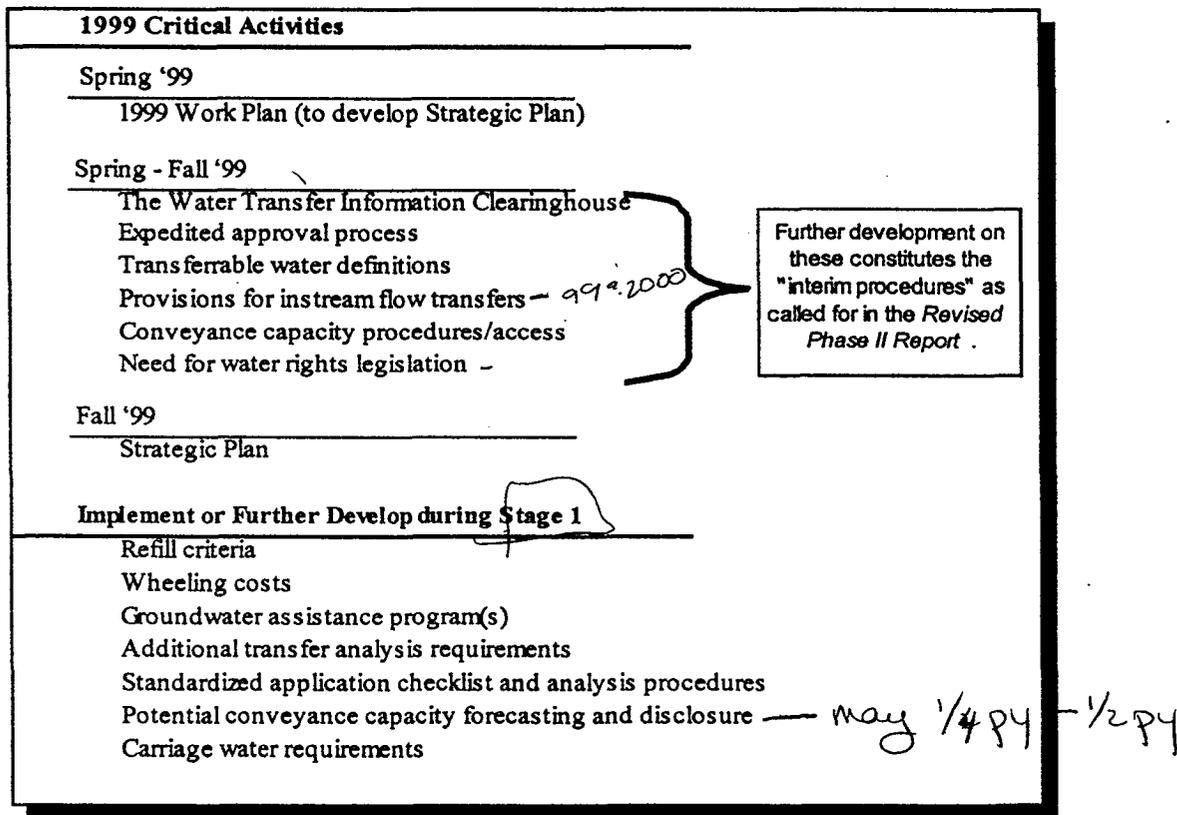
Water Transfers 1999 Workplan Summary

This document outlines the planned work effort necessary to complete the Water Transfer Program by the end of 1999. The work effort for 1999 is directed at several of the recommendations included in the recently released Revised Phase II Report.

Work Effort Prioritization of Recommendations Listed in Phase II Report

Working from the recommendations in the Phase II Report, the following priority has been established.

Figure 1 -



1999 Work Effort

The information that follows is intended to briefly outline planned work in 1999 for the "Critical Activities" shown in Figure 1. Stakeholder participation will be crafted specifically for each work effort. All recommendations will be presented to the BDAC for discussion and concurrence.

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A) Complete Strategic Plan

Outcome

Completed Strategic Plan - builds from the January 1999 Water Transfer Program Plan and includes additional information on performance objectives

Tasks

Complete a 1999 Work Plan by Feb '99

Work on 1999 activities (as defined in the Work Plan) - Spring to Fall '99

Produce draft Strategic Plan May '99, completed Strategic Plan - Fall '99

B) Need for Water Rights Legislation

Outcome

A recommendation by CALFED whether additional water rights legislation is necessary.

Tasks

Staff analysis and recommendations - April '99

Final recommendation / Policy Group Review - July '99

C) Water Transfer Information Clearinghouse

Outcome

Draft legislation to establish the Clearinghouse.

Tasks

A CALFED policy decision to support the formation of a clearinghouse and a recommendation for legislation - March '99

Drafting committee (policy level stakeholder / agency) to work on legislation - March - July '99

D) Expedited Approval Process Issues

Outcome

Recommendations for streamlining the SWRCB approval process, especially for instream flow transfers.

Tasks

SWRCB outline current methods to expedite approvals and identify what causes of delay - March '99

Technical team (stakeholder and agency) recommendations for improvements - July '99

Final recommendations, Policy Group concurrence with recommendations - August '99

E) Transferable Water Definitions

Outcome

A set of definitions, criteria or guidelines on transferrable water, including quantification procedures or methods for the most frequent or common types of transfers.

Tasks

CALFED agency staff to disclose current guidelines/criteria - March '99

Recommended improvements/clarifications in existing guidelines - April - August '99

Final definitions, criteria, and guidelines / Policy Group concurrence - September '99

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F) Provisions for Instream Flow Transfers

Outcome

A methodology for tracking and accounting for instream flow transfers. Agreement whether additional measures should be considered during Stage 1.

Tasks

Coordinate with EWA developers to use EWA acquisitions as tests - March/April '99

Technical team (agency and stakeholder) meetings to develop tracking mechanisms - April - August '99

Recommended changes - September '99

Policy Group concurrence - October '99

G) Conveyance Capacity Procedures/Access

Outcome

Agreement on methodology of calculating unused and available capacity; disclosure on a regular basis of capacity windows; and process for responding to requests for use of unused and available conveyance capacity.

Tasks

Policy level stakeholder/agency meetings - March - July '99

Recommended changes/procedures - September '99

Policy Group concurrence - October '99

Clarification of Language in Revised Phase II Report

Objectives of a Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan will identify key outcomes, implementation procedures, performance objectives and linkages. It will build from the Revised Draft Water Transfer Program Plan. The first step will be to complete the 1999 Work Plan and incorporate it into the existing Program Plan. When completed, the results of 1999 work efforts would be incorporated into a final Strategic Plan.

Role of an "Expert Panel"

- Establish a Policy Review Committee, consisting of policy level agency and stakeholders, to provide policy guidance and direction for these various issues.

Optimization of Stakeholder and Agency interaction

- Specific processes may vary for different issues as outlined in the specific work plans.

Interpretation of "Interim Rules, Procedures, and Regulations"

- "Interim rules, procedures and regulations" as found in the Revised Phase II Report to mean substantive progress on the six recommendations indicated in Figure 1. It does not mean adopting formal rules and/or regulations.

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